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In the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) Blister package opener apparatus comprising:

a blister package having blisters and a cover layer,
a frame connected to a top of the blister package, and
an opener connected to the frame,

wherein the frame covers the cover layer, the ~~openers~~
~~comprise opener comprises~~ lifting tabs having ends hinged to the
frame, and the outer ends of the tabs are hinged to the frame,
and further comprising raised guards surrounding inner ends of
the tabs and bridges connecting the raised guards for raising
inner ends of the tabs above the guards only when the blister
package is bent, for grasping inner ends of the tabs and lifting
the tabs around the hinges for providing access to the cover
layer opposite a selected blister.

25. (Previously Presented) Blister package opener apparatus comprising:

a blister package having blisters and a cover layer,
a frame connected to a top of the blister package, and
an opener connected to the frame,

wherein the frame covers the cover layer, the openers
comprise lifting tabs having ends hinged to the frame, and the
tabs have side edges, and further comprising frangible connectors

connecting the side edges to the frame until the inner ends of the tabs are lifted.

26-48. (Cancelled)

49. (Currently amended) Blister package opener method comprising:

providing a blister package having blisters and a cover layer,

providing a frame connected to sides of the blister package,

providing an opener connected to the frame, and

covering the cover layer with the frame,

wherein the ~~openers comprise~~ opener comprises lifting tabs having ends hinged to the frame and the outer ends of the tabs are hinged to the ~~frames~~ frame, and wherein raised guards surround inner ends of the tabs and bridges connect the raised guards for raising inner ends of the tabs above the guards when the blister package is bent for grasping inner ends of the tabs and lifting the tabs around the hinges for providing access to the cover layer opposite a selected blister.

50. (Currently amended) Blister package opener method comprising:

providing a blister package having blisters and a cover layer,

providing a frame connected to sides of the blister package,

providing an opener connected to the frame, and

covering the cover layer with the frame,

wherein the ~~openers comprise~~ opener comprises lifting tabs having ends hinged to the frame and the tabs have side edges and wherein fractible connectors connect the side edges to the frame until the inner ends of the tabs are lifted.

51. (Currently amended) Blister package opener method comprising:

providing a blister package having blisters and a cover layer,

providing a frame connected to sides of the blister package, and

providing an opener connected to the frame,

wherein the opener comprises tabs are printed with days or numbers arranged with frangible connectors for providing visual destruction confirmation that a particular tab has been opened, thus aiding in patient compliance and dose regimen tracking.

52-71. (Cancelled)